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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND LIBRARIAN,

OF THE

TOWN OF HANCOCK,

For the Financial Year ending March 1st, 1879.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1878.

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To balance received of Treasurer Davis at the close of last year's settlement, including bonds,	$5397 68	
To cash and bills paid by Treasurer Davis after last settlement, March 1st, 1878,	178 65	
" received of county for county paupers.	454 49	
" received of State Treasurer, Savings bank tax, 1878,	715 21	
" Railroad tax, "	66 38	
" Literary fund, "	39 59	
" Interest on State bonds,	342 00	
" Mrs. M. M. Osgood, lot in cemetery,	7 00	
" License for trained animals,	1 00	
Rec'd of F. Barney, collector for 1874,	7 00	
" " " 1875,	34 95	
" " " 1876,	18 83	
" " " 1877,	805 52	
" D. Wilds, " 1873,	1 98	
" " " 1878,	3537 00	
" C. Turner, for grass on cemeteries,	7 50	
" from selectmen,	9 33	
		$11624 11

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1878.

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By paying the several school districts, which sum includes the literary fund for 1878:

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Dist. No. 1, M. Tenney,	$158 67	
" " 2, J. B. Knight,	108 67	
" " 3, O. L. Boutelle,	108 67	
" " 4, H. P. Welch,	108 67	
" " 5, J. S. Hayward,	108 67	
" " 6, L. A. Tenney,	108 67	
" " 7, E. B. Cavender,	108 67	
" " 8, G. F. Russell,	108 67	
" " 9, Wm. Weston,	99 83	
" " 5, in Harrisville, H. J. Farwell,	20 00	
		$1039 79

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Paid O. L. Boutelle, spring term, 1878,	200 00	
Otis Tuttle, fall " "	190 00	
		$390 00

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid L. Nahor, support of Lucy Tenney,	$86 85	
" " " "	63 14	
M A. Parker, " " "	25 00	
A. D. Tuttle, supplies for paupers,	2 20	
E. R. Danforth, moving a pauper,	1 50	
J. Scott & Co., supplies for paupers,	4 34	
M. A. Parker, support of Lucy Tenney,	16 14	
		$199 17

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. F. B. Thayer, for Lorena Hill,	$88 00
Mrs. M. H. Priest, for Catharine Howard,	78 00
Dr. H. McIntire, medical attendance Bradley and Whalan,	90 00
R. Kelley, board and care, Bradley and Whalan,	116 27
A. D. Tuttle, supplies for Bradley,	2 50
T. Shea, support of J. Cronin,	17 50
C. H. Lee, milk for Bradley,	1 00

Paid A. Copeland. supplies for Bradley,	6 62	
" " " paupers,	5 25	
R. Keeley, support of J. Whalan,	2 00	
J. Connell. taking care Bradley,	6 72	
A. D. Tuttle, supplies for county paupers,	28 81	
A. Copeland, carrying a pauper to farm,	3 50	
J. Scott & Co., for J. Dimond,	3 13	
C. W. Coolidge, for D. Bradley,	2 00	
J. W. Goodhue, milk for Mrs. Madden,	1 05	
		$452 35

Abatement of taxes, 1873,	$1 98	
" " 1875,	3 98	
" " 1876,	3 29	
" " 1877,	5 48	
" " 1878,	11 84	

PAID FOR REPAIRING SAND HILL.

Pa J. H. Wood, for gravel,	$24 00	
W. A. Washburn, for work,	10 00	
J. M. Johnson, "	2 69	
J. Lindsey, "	2 50	
P. B. Weston, "	15 63	
. A. Tenney, "	16 62	
. M. Sheldon, "	2 50	
Knowlton, "	6 25	
AS. Wood, "	41 25	
W C. Goodhue, "	5 19	
J. Veston, "	11 25	
G. heldon, "	15 62	
C. Matthews, "	10 00	
J. Hills, "	10 37	
A. ll, "	1 25	
M. rington, "	6 94	
E. R. anforth, "	2 15	
J. H. lch, "	9 29	
E. A. ll, "	1 25	
J. R. , repairing tools,	5 36	
		$200 11

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. Westo labor on highway,	$1 32	
A. S. Woo " bridge,	29 25	
E. R. Danch, plank and labor,	22 40	

Paid O. Tuttle, bridge stringers,	7 50	
W. C. Goodhue, bridge plank,	1 14	
A. S. Wood, labor and lumber,	10 67	
M. Tenney, labor,	5 90	
A. Copeland, labor,	3 75	
Wm. A. Wilds, labor on bridge,	1 25	
J. Lindsey, bridge stringers and labor,	14 50	
J. Welch, labor,	12 67	
J. Davis, labor,	2 70	
O. Tuttle, plank and labor,	5 20	
A Fish, labor,	3 90	
J. R. Hill, iron for railings,	2 25	
E. R. Danforth, lumber, labor and wire,	29 74	
M. Harrington, use of stone tools,	1 25	
W. Robinson, bridge stringers, 1877,	3 00	
T. Welch, repairing bridge, "	5 00	
C. Fairfield, labor on highway,	1 00	
J. W. Coolidge, bridge plank,	2 73	
		$167 12

BREAKING ROADS—BILLS FOR 1877.

Paid I. A. Knight,	$7 20	
D. Wilds,	5 10	
O. Eaton,	4 87	
T. Welch,	9 15	
T. Shea,	8 25	
J. S. Hayward,	6 00	
C. E. L. Hayward,	14 33	
C. M. Sheldon,	5 90	
G. F. Russell, 1878,	3 00	
E. Mulhall, "	17 76	
J. Cudihee,	4 88	
		$86 44

Paid State treasurer, State tax,	$924 00
County treasurer, county tax,	718 10
Non-resident highway taxes,	126 60

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing reports,	$25
P. B. Weston, wood for selectmen's room,	41
A. Simonds, straw for tramp house,	15
J. H. Felch, blank books,	25

Paid A. Copeland, glass and labor,	3	03
W. A. Washburn, damage to wagon,	3	50
M. Harrington, watering trough,	3	00
A. Jaquith, " "	3	00
C. L. Otis, " "	3	00
Rufus Tuttle, " "	3	00
W. F. Symonds, " "	3	00
C. L. Otis, " " 1877,	3	00
Lewis Symonds, damage to Mrs. Symonds, on highway, 1877	52	00
S. S. Fogg, note and interest of C. W. Farmer,	50	80
E. R. Danforth, two journeys and expense to Nashua, 1877,	11	30
E. R. Danforth, journey and expense to Nashua, 1877,	6	15
A. Copeland, jour. and ex. to Nashua, 1877,	5	55
" 2 " " " "	11	05
J. H. Felch, " " " " "	11	60
" " " " "	6	05
" " " Concord, '78,	5	75
" " " Amherst and Nashua,	8	90
" " " Amherst,	5	45
" " " Nashua,	6	05
" time and expense with engineer,	7	25
" journey and ex. to Nashua,	5	60
. H. Felch, 3 days and journey to Nashua and Manchester,	14	83
H. Felch, jour. and ex. to Nashua,	5	60
" " " "	5	60
" " " Manchester,	10	05
" " " "	13	10
E. Danforth," " "	6	30
" " " Nashua,	5	10
Aopeland " " "	5	10
" " " Manchester,	14	05
J. Felch, money paid C. H. Hopk witness,	3	40
J. Felch, money paid J. Gregg, wss,	6	00
A. Cland, care of tramps, 1877,	21	25
J. Sco & Co., supplies for tramps, '77,	15	27

Paid J. F. Eaton, keeping tramps, 1877,		75
D. Wilds, care of tramps, 1878,	5	00
A. Copeland, " "	10	25
A. D. Tuttle, supplies for tramps, '77,	3	74
A. D. Tuttle, stationery and nails, "	2	13
Fred. Hunt, police duty, 1877,	3	50
W. Robinson, d'ge to sheep by dogs, 77,	3	00
Z. W. Brooks, " " " "	10	00
T. Hadley, " " " "	3	00
G. W. Knight, " " " "	10	00
A. Copeland, bounty money, 1877,		90
D. Wilds, " " "	4	00
E. R. Danforth, " " "		40
D. Wilds, " " 1878,	7	70
E. R. Danforth, " " "	2	10
A. Copeland, " " "	3	80
C. Turner, police duty, 1877,	5	00
A. D. Tuttle, for town library,	120	00
E. Tyrrel, for building new highway,	16	25
G. C. Robinson, land damage, "	80	00
M. V. B. Greene, blank books,	5	00
Joseph Davis, balance of interest,	3	05
C. O. Foster, bal. school money, 1877, Dist. 6,	75	08
C. Turner, guide boards,	12	60
H. Fuller, jour. and ex. to Nashua as witness,	4	50
M. E. Matthews, guide board & setting,	1	00
A. Tuttle, j'n'y & ex. to Nashua and Manchester,	12	50
A. D. Tuttle, stationery,	2	17
" supplies for tramps,	2	30
" school books for Hanahan,	2	72
E. R. Danforth, for E. Tyrrel, part int. Hubbard legacy,	20	00
A. Copeland, for N. H. Tyrrel, part int. Hubbard legacy,	20	00
E. R. Danforth, j'n'y & ex. to Man'r,	14	30
" m'ny, paid for bounties,		60
F. Barney, money paid on Fogg note,	15	00
		61 33

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid J. H. Felch, selectman, 1877,	$59	00
E. R. Danforth, " "	52	50

Paid A. Copeland, selectman, 1877	41 50	
J. H. Felch, supt. school com., 1877,	40 00	
A. D. Tuttle, librarian,	25 00	
C. Turner, town clock and sexton, "	10 25	
J. H. Felch, selectman, 1878,	78 00	
E. R. Danforth, " "	74 50	
A. Copeland, " "	54 27	
D. Wilds, collector, "	50 00	
A. D. Tuttle, librarian, "	25 00	
" treasurer, "	20 00	
" town clerk, "	22 25	
Z. W. Brooks, supervisors' bill, 1878,	12 00	
G. W. Hayward, care of town hall, "	8 00	
J. H. Felch, supt. school com., "	20 00	
C. Turner, care town clock, "	12 00	
" sexton, "	2 40	
H. McIntire, supt. school com., "	29 70	
Auditors' bill, "	3 00	
		$639 37

RECAPITULATION.

Money paid out by treasurer,	$11624 11

MONEY PAID OUT BY TREASURER.

Paid several school districts,	$1039 19	
High school district,	390 00	
Support of the poor,	199 17	
" " county paupers,	452 35	
Repairing Sand Hill,	200 11	
Repairing roads and bridges,	167 12	
Breaking roads,	86 44	
State treasurer, State tax,	924 00	
County treasurer, county tax,	718 10	
Non-resident highway tax,	126 60	
Miscellaneous bills,	861 33	
Town officers' bills,	639 37	
Abatement of taxes, 1873,	1 98	
" " " 1875,	3 98	
" " " 1876,	3 29	
" " " 1877,	5 48	
" " " 1878,	11 84	
		$5830 35

A. D. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of five thousand seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-six cents, ($5793.76.)

ZENAS DAVIS,
WM. F. SYMONDS, } Auditors.
A. B. STONE,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due High school committee,	$210 00	
March, 11, 1879, Zophar W. Brooks, damage to sheep by dogs,	50 00	
March 11, 1879, William Robinson, damage to sheep by dogs,	48 35	
March 11, 1879, Albert Jaquith, damage to sheep by dogs,	26 00	
Alice S. Goodhue, note and interest,	86 09	
Betsey Matthews, " "	74 20	
Sylvester Tenney, " "	568 54	
Charles M. Sheldon " "	178 19	
David Hunt, " "	132 14	
Wallace Sawyer, " "	107 06	
Priscilla Sawyer, " "	963 54	
Phebe W. Goodhue " "	217 30	
Charles W. Farmer " "	533 63	
Adolphus D. Tuttle " "	197 49	
		$3392 53

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

State bonds,	$5700 00	
In collector Barney's hands for the years 1875, 1876, 1877,	251 36	
In collector Wild's hands, 1878,	49 59	
Cash in town treasurer's hands,	93 76	
Due from the county of Hillsboro,	2783 94	
		$8,878 65
Assets over debts,		$5,486 12

JOHN H. FELCH,
EDWARD R. DANFORTH,
ALVAH COPELAND,
Selectmen of Hancock.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

ZENAS DAVIS,
WM. F. SYMONDS, } *Auditors.*
A. B. STONE,

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

No. of paupers supported during the year, 1.	
Cost of supporting town paupers,	$107 98
No. of county paupers supported by the town for the past year, 2.	
Cost of supporting the above county paupers as per treasurer's report,	166 00
Received of the county during the year,	454 49

J. H. FELCH,
E. R. DANFORTH, } *Overseers of the Poor.*
ALVAH COPELAND,

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

ZENAS DAVIS,
WM. F. SYMONDS, } *Auditors.*
A. B. STONE,

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library, for the year ending March 1st, 1879.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year,	965
Number of volumes added by purchase during the year,	69
Number of volumes added by donation during the year,	25
Whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time,	1059
Books taken out for the year ending March 1, 1878,	2537
Whole amount of money received from the town, it being interest in full on Hubbard legacy to January 1st, 1879,	$120 00
Whole amount of money received for fines,	1 18
Sixty-nine volumes purchased at a cost of	85 08
Paid Librarian balance of money due Mar. 1, 1878,	12 36
Balance of money on hand,	23 74

The library books are in good condition.

A. D. TUTTLE, Librarian.

Hancock, March 1, 1879.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

HANCOCK, APRIL 26, 1878.

Report and financial statement of the High School Committee.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of the town treasurer,	$400 00
" for tuition,	10 71
	$410 71

MONEY LAID OUT.

Paid J. D. Roberts, teaching past term,	$54 55	
M. N. Root, " " "	126 32	
C. H. Ware, janitor,	3 00	
Farnum & Scott, printing,	3 00	
R. H. Colby, use of stove,	1 00	
M. N. Root, teaching,	186 17	
D. H. McIntire, janitor,	4 00	
J. Lindsey, wood,	4 00	
M. G. Wilder, fitting wood,	70	
J. L. Hill, " "	1 25	
H. F. Robinson, wood and printing,	4 72	
1st Congregational society, rent,	22 00	
		$410 71

Fall term, 1877, commenced Aug. 21st. Whole number of scholars, 26. Spring term, 1878, commenced Feb. 18th, and closed April 26th. Whole number of scholars, 39.

High School Committee, District No. 1, A. D. Tuttle; Dist. No. 2, Solon D. Hadley; Dist. No. 3, O. L. Boutelle, (clerk;) Dist. No. 4, S. S. Fogg; Dist. No. 5, J. S. Hayward; Dist. No. 6, John Lindsey; Dist. No. 7, Jonathan Nesmith, (chairman;) Dist. No. 8, H. F. Robinson; Dist. No. 9, C. F. Fairfield.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account presented by the Hancock High School, for the year 1877–78, and find the same correctly cast and fully vouched.

J. H. FELCH,
E. R. DANFORTH,
ALVAH COPELAND, } Selectmen of Hancock.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In fulfillment of their duties as prescribed by the Statute, your Committee herewith submit their report of the condition of the schools entrusted to their care during the past year.—Matthew Arnold (an English divine,) remarked that "Conduct is three-fourths of life," and we agree with him. In order that our youth may acquire proper conduct, every teacher should be required to teach practical morality, temperance, punctuality, true politeness, chaste language, and all those virtues which make the perfect man and woman divested wholly of dogmas. We would have conventional politeness taught only incidentally, but we would have that kind instilled into the minds of our youth which is the result of practicing the golden rule. Neither would we go back fifty years, and impose on our youth the propriety of doffing his hat to every one; but we would have him show proper respect to all with whom he might come in contact, and especially to the aged. At the present time it is seldom we meet a lad who is truly polite, but when we do it is like coming upon an oasis in the midst of a desert; it is so refreshing.

Edward Everett once said that, "a boy who could read his language well, write a good hand, and had a thorough knowledge of the elements of arithmetic and geography, had a good education." These studies should be pursued, excluding all others till they are thoroughly mastered; for they are of paramount necessity, as three fourths of our school population never go beyond the district school. If the proficiency of the scholar will warrant such studies as philosophy, physiology, hygiene, "Science of common things," constitution of the United States, might be introduced with profit, always excluding Latin and Algebra to the pupil of limited time. Scholars should be educated in reference to their probable pursuits through life, that no time may be wasted on those studies that are an ornament rather than a benefit.

Our schools have generally prospered the past year. We have introduced a new spelling book (Warren's,) into the

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schools the past year, and think they have been received with general favor by teachers and pupils. We think a change of Readers desirable, but especially a change in Geography, in order that uniformity may be secured.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Etta C. Goss, of Peterborough, teacher, summer term. This school is the largest in town. There seemed to be too many classes for the number of scholars, making the time for recitation too short. No complaint was made and fair progress was made in all branches taught. At the closing exercises the school appeared well, but too long for *comfort.*

Winter term, taught by Miss C. R. Heath, of Harrisville.—An experienced teacher of much energy and ability. She labored hard to make the school a success, and her efforts bore an abundance of fruit. Much credit is due the teacher for her untiring efforts. Hope to see her in our schools again.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Fannie Goodhue taught the summer school in this district, consisting of four pupils—only two toward the close.—This is one of those schools where the pupils are so few in number that no teacher can awaken anything like life and interest. Miss Goodhue appeared faithful and willing.

Winter term, taught by Miss Mary Colby, of Mass. A bright scholar who appeared to have the good will of her small school.

School for winter term was taught at the house of J. B. Knight to save traveling so far to accommodate one scholar.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Tenney, of this town, an active, young teacher. The school was made an interesting and profitable one. Miss Tenney has taught in this district before with success.

Fall term, taught by Miss Nellie Hadley, with her usual success. Miss H. is quiet, but faithful in her work.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Elva E Sheldon, who had some experience—teaching previously in town. This school is small, making it impossible for any teacher to arouse